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## Regional Service Council Minutes Region #12

**Meeting Date:** January 13, 2014  
**Meeting Location:** Fayette County DCS Conference Room  
**Meeting Chair:** Kelly Persinger  
**Meeting Secretary:** Myrna Baldwin

**Meeting Called to Order at:** 3:30 p.m.

### Roll Call:

**Council Members Present:** Kelly Persinger, DCS Regional Manager; Mark Munchel and Kathy Hobson, Fayette County DCS; Bill Ammerman, Rush County DCS; Hannah Robinson, Union County DCS; Kelly Broyles, Wayne County DCS; and Judge Beth Ann Butsch, Fayette County Circuit Court.

**Council Members Absent:** Miranda Chamberlin Henry County DCS; Chelsea Givens, Rush County DCS; Karen Bowen, Wayne County CASA; Judge Mary Willis, Henry County Circuit Court; Kyleigh Woodruff, Franklin County DCS, and Judge Brian Hill, Rush Superior Court.

**Others In Attendance:** Bob Daugherty, DCS Regional Finance Manager; Carl Scheib Children's Bureau; Micci Frye and Kara Casavan, Regional Child Welfare Services Consultants; Susan Lightfoot, Henry County Probation; Kelly Hunckler, Gibault; Jennifer Moore, CHOICES; Scott Noel, Whites Residential; Kory George, Wayne County Probation; Sarah Hall and Kay Peyton, Family Services and Prevention Programs; Roxann McFarland, Diplomas, Richmond High School; and Amy Crossley, Wayne County DCS.

### Meeting Minutes

#### I. Welcome, Introductions and New Members

- a) Meeting agenda distributed, introductions made.



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- b) Voting by proxy: Susan Lightfoot for Judge Mary Willis.

## **II. Update on Community Partners for Child Safety Program:**

The *Community Partners for Child Safety and Continuous Quality Improvement* report was distributed.

Carl Scheib reported:

- Referrals- 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2013, referrals 196; 2013 year end referral totals 729;
- Events- St. Michael's coat drive- distributed over 500 coats and winter apparel items;  
Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT) workshop- scheduled for February 21, 2014; April is Prevent Child Abuse month- pinwheels and signs in courthouse lawns planned. Scheib welcomes anyone with other ideas to contact him;
- Outcomes- Scheib noted that all state standards have been met or exceeded;
- Presentations were given by Sarah Hall, After School Rocks program, and Roxann McFarland, Diplomas program.

## **III. Regional Coordinator Report:**

Micci Frye reporting:

- Extra Special Parents of Indiana wishes to expand their substance abuse assessment/treatment program to include Region 12, DCS and Probation. Bill Ammerman moved to go forward with a contract with Mark Munchel seconding. The motion passed with no opposing votes.

## **IV. Biennial Regional Services Strategic Plan**

Persinger distributed the Region 12 Action Plan in which four (4) action steps are identified; the measurable outcome being Increased Substance Abuse Treatment and On-going Recovery availability with agencies utilizing Evidence Based Models. The plan is based on data collected that addressed regional service needs. Persinger noted the action plan is a working document outlining goals. She stressed that probation will play an active role.

Mark Munchel moved to accept the action plan with Kelly Broyles seconding. The motion passed with no opposing votes.

## **V. Regional Finance Manager Report:**

Daugherty distributed the *Family and Children Services Financial Status Report-Region 12, State Fiscal Year 2013-2014, Cumulative for December 2013*. Daugherty reported the allocated budget for Region 12 is \$6,749,531. Year to date expenditures: DCS \$2,517,995; Probation \$1,725,365 totaling \$4,243,360 or 63% of the budget.

## **VI. Other Business:**

Persinger addressed the composition of the Regional Service Council. The need of additional council members are: two (2) licensed foster parents; one (1) prosecuting attorney or designee; and one (1) person age 16-25 who previously received services through DCS. Persinger stated that Local Office Directors will be working to get these positions filled.



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**VII. Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**Next Meeting:**

The 2014 meeting dates were announced: April 14, 2014; July 14, 2014 and October 20, 2014. All meetings are set to begin at 3:30pm, at the Fayette County Local DCS Office.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Mark Munchel moved to adjourn the meeting with Judge Butsch seconding. The motion passed with no opposing votes. Meeting adjourned at 4:19 P.M.



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